



Educational Outreach and Services to the Laboratory

Educational outreach has been a high priority for EES Division for many years and has had many benefits for the Division. Our outreach program provides opportunities for staff members to interact with students over a range of grade levels from primary school to postgraduate. In some cases, staff members teach regular university courses, supervise undergraduate and graduate students, and serve on thesis and dissertation committees. This interaction provides professional enhancement for staff members, and fosters collaboration on basic and applied research projects with university faculty. Educational outreach also introduces students to the Division and to the work that we do. In many cases it leads to opportunities for students to conduct research at Los Alamos. By helping to teach the educators themselves and to augment their curricula, we are able to promote science education even more effectively. In addition to increasing general familiarity with Laboratory's research and missions, our outreach program is also a very important avenue for encouraging students to become postdoctoral fellows in the Division, and for recruiting to new staff positions. Over the last three years, our programs have touched hundreds of students in a variety of different fields. We envision that our educational outreach programs will remain a vital activity for the Division.

This section also discusses Services to the Laboratory, which are an important part of our work.